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Editors' Table.

AS the time for Junior exhibition approaches we hear murmurings of a "ram" and the usual threats made by the Sophomores at this time of the year. Whether the class intends issuing such a publication or not, a word at this time may not be out of place. There are numerous reasons, a few of which we will enumerate, why a gentlemanly set of young men should not publish this sheet: First, it is injurious to the class. It is all very well to talk about issuing something exceedingly good in a literary line, but if classes are capable of doing such they have always failed in such cases as these, as an examination of previous "rams" will readily prove. It does not require much brains to sit down and write as many mean things about your instructors and fellow-students as you can think of, and yet the good literary productions we hear of in connection with "rams" are simply of this kind. No gentleman will do or say anything to hurt another person's feelings. And who wishes to have himself brought up, and his faults—and more often faults which he does not possess—opened up to the world? Can any class enjoy the same respect from their instructors as they have previously after assisting in the publication of such a scurrilous sheet. And is not this respect something worth seeking after? Most assuredly it is. Again, this practice is injurious to the college. We all love our college and would not do anything to injure it intentionally—but boys are thoughtless and are liable to act before they think. We think a little reflection will show the present Sophomore class that it is within their power to do a great deal of good or a great deal of harm to the college. We feel assured that after reflection they will decide to do what is best for themselves, the college and all concerned. The practice has almost died out. The revival of it this year would probably mean its continuance, and that we wish to avoid at all costs.

IT is a fact which we believe our readers' personal observation will corroborate, that those people who really know the most, have the least occasion of taking particular pains of informing the world at large of it; whatever they know, whatever their ability is, the world seems to be sure of finding it out, for merit has a way of speaking for itself in an unostentatious manner devoid of all vain-glorious self-allusions. It is to be regretted, not only by the world at large but especially by the great body of students, that there are so many mortals who are unable to comprehend and adapt this pertinent piece of information for themselves. There is probably no more contemptible or disagreeable personage than the student, an avowed disciple and seeker after knowledge, who is wont to wreathe his classic countenance in a super-

cilious smile of superiority and to vaunt himself about among his fellows in that self-assuring air which is to be interpreted by the senses that some master mind, some *magnissimus ego*, is nigh. He disputes his professors, kindly informs his classmates when they are wrong, swaggers among his superiors, bullies and snubs his inferiors in point of class, and is ever impressing you with his importance and informing you of his experience and opinions. Let all such, if boast they must, go to their sires and pour into their ears the accounts of their mighty exploits and the profundity of their knowledge of metaphysics, of political economy, of logic and ancient Rome; let them go to their mothers and explain to them how their promising sons have attained to mighty heights in learning, experience and accomplishments; let them go to their sweethearts and sisters and fill their sympathizing and admiring ears with the accounts of their abilities in athletics, in society and in personal prowess, but leave, we ask, those who are fellow-students to learn of this by mediate or direct inference, for it is better to come to know many things in this way. We believe that if such a course of proceedings were carried out that the tree of knowledge would bear just as large and luscious fruit, that life would be sweeter and that the editorial board of the UNDERGADUATE would come to take less pessimistic views of their duties.

IN our last issue appeared a communication advocating the formation of a debating society which should be open to all the students. Lack of space forbade our commenting on it in that issue, but we are heartily in favor of this movement or something similar. Certain it is that the Greek letter fraternities do (or at least should) give their men some training in this line, but meetings participated in by the whole college would do more towards making a man a good speaker and making him feel at ease before a large audience. The students of Leland Stanford University are just at present very enthusiastic over their new organization. They call it the Congress and hold their meetings monthly. They elect all the officers and committees which we find in the Congress of the United States. They elect a president of the United States from the faculty and at their meetings they introduce and debate bills in regular form. Why can't we have such an organization? From it we would derive all the benefits claimed by the writer of the above-mentioned communication and in addition the boys would be prompted to learn more of the manner in which the laws of our country are made. We hope that before our next issue is out we will have such an organization in full bloom.

AN UNDERGRADUATE RETROSPECTION.

IN a recent issue, the UNDERGRADUATE was pleased to give to its readers a brief account of its nature and origin, and the condition of Middlebury Coilege some sixty years ago. Valuable and interesting as those facts are in themselves, they can hardly afford the students of today so much of interest as the literary matter that appeared as illustrative of the mind and tendency of thought of those students who, we believe, may now be appropriately regarded as our illustrious predecessors. As we turn its leaves we are forced to exclaim: "What manner of youth must they have been who would present to a suffering public a hundred-line blank-verse poem on *Napoleon before Moscow*, and then calmly follow it with a tirade against the miserable misanthropic individual, or who venture to write *A Treatise on Optics!* But, moved by a curiosity to know of the condition of this interesting subject in those days and attracted by the head-line quotation, "There are more things in Heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreampt of in your philosophy," let us follow some of the words of the writer:

"With due deference to that most grave and definitive class of men, termed mathematicians, and disclaiming all intention of encroaching upon their inprescriptible inalienable copyrights, we would venture to advance some of our own opinions with regard to Optics. We do not profess to have thoroughly digested the subject nor have we to flatter ourselves that we shall be able to treat it in that logical and profound manner which is eminently necessary to its entire elucidation, but we believe that there is one feature in this branch of the natural sciences which has escaped the notice of the most persevering physiographists; this we should term, by way of distinction, physiognomical optics.

"The thoughts which emanate from the mind are subject to the same essential changes in their passage through the countenance, as those which result from the transmission of solar light through a prism, viz: they are resolved into their simple constituent parts and exhibited like the prismatic colors. There is no feeling too subtle and delicate for this carnal prism. The baleful flames of passion form the red; the orange

and yellow are the joint products of patriotism and jealousy; hope is depicted in the green; soaring ambition and tumid greed in the blue and indigo, while the gentle and lovely graces of modesty are sweetly shadowed forth in the retiring violet; these colors before subjected to the prism are blended together in that Promethean ray termed the mind or soul. All faces are not equally adapted to this prismatic analysis of the mind, but are sufficiently so for ordinary purposes of life. It is a general law of optics, that light is differently affected by the different media through which it passes and assumes in some measure the distinguishing characteristics of those translucent substances. Youthful prisms afford the most perfect and unvarying results in their action on the mental light; every ray is rendered distinctly visible and is presented in its strongest color, but by some strange obliquity in the course of nature, these prisms undergo such a radical change and become so materially defective that age renders them to a great extent useless. They no longer exhibit that lovely combination, that harmonious variety of mental colors which forms the spirit and spell of intellectual beauty. After a man has passed the age of thirty-five nothing is a more fallible index of his mind than his face. This is owing to the progressive opacity of the prism, a circumstance which finally renders it useless in the investigation of physiognomical optics.

"Some very interesting experiments have been made with the differential thermometer of experience to ascertain the relative degrees of heat transmitted by those rays or excitable by them, and here, also, it has been discovered that the result depends almost entirely upon the media through which they pass. In woman the maximum of heat is situated between the orange and yellow, *i. e.*, between vanity and jealousy, while in man it is between blue and yellow. It is unfortunate for the cause of science that this important point remains as yet in comparative obscurity, and that the profoundest researches of philosophers have only accumulated a mass of contradictory facts that seem to render its entire elucidation absolutely impossible. Alas, for the obtuseness of human reason! Alas, that man should so oft have reason to exclaim

> 'Oh star-eyed science, hast thou wandered there
> To bring us back a message of despair'?"

We are disposed to admire and envy this writer who could study this phase of physics from such an interesting and novel stand-point. If this phase of the subject could be placed in the college curriculum as an elective it would undoubtedly stimulate further investigation and deeper interest in this department! The author goes on to show in a most interesting and original manner how the development of the science in this way may be assumed as data in an *a posteriori* reasoning, to determine a man's character by his face; but we are disposed to hasten on to make mention of that optimistic youth who, with Goldsmith's

> "Still to ourselves, in every place, confined
> Our own felicity, we make or find,"

as a starting-point, says:

"As bitter and common as are the complaints which men make of their exposure to adversity and sorrow, I incline to the opinion that this is, upon the whole, a delightful world and that most of our misery is imaginary. On every side what a variety of pleasures rise to view and demand an entrance to our bosoms! Here, nature spreads her exhaustless sweets and bids us welcome to her banquet; there, friendship with gentle though liberal hand, offers consolations which may alleviate the keenest anguish; here, honorable ambition calls upon us to aid in the advancement of our country's glory, and there, the humbler walks of life invite us to participate in delights to which power and affluence cannot attain. Come not, then, thou votary at the shrine of melancholy, too hastily to the conclusion that upon your devoted head an uncommon share of misery is to fall."

Thus discourses the author to unfortunate victims of sadness and loathed melancholy, and follows with an exhortation to the gloomy and mournful to go forth with the morning, sympathize with nature and take lessons and consolation from her bountiful store of knowledge. He also touches upon the philosophic side of sorrow and trouble, reminding his readers that all human things are transient and that disappointment, disease and death are the uniform inheritance of man. As we follow this delightful discourse to the end, we can hardly help agreeing with the writer, who in closing, says: "Calamities seem to have been designed, not so much to diminish the sum of our enjoyments as to give them a livelier relish, not so much to drive us to despondency as to induce us to act with energy in the consummation of our wishes. An excessive indulgence in sadness, then, is ingratitude to the benevolent Author of our existence; and while exertions to banish from our minds all unnecessary solicitude for unknown evils may be crowned with triumphant suc-

cess, they are due alike to the interests of society and to our own welfare."

From these two brief extracts from the second issue of the UNDERGRADUATE we are able to see that the course and tendency in thought and diction among the students in those days differ from that of today; a question that suggests itself to us is, "Which is the better"? E. R. B.

Alumni Department.

[*Contributions from Alumni solicited for this department. Class-histories, reminscences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, and papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE CLASS OF FORTY-EIGHT.

BY ONE OF THEM.

I SUPPOSE it is because I am growing old, and not because I see the UNDERGRADUATE, that I am prompted to write this paper. Our class began with some 23 and graduated only 10. It lost several of its most gifted members. It had, perhaps, quite the average amount of ability, but many of its members were quite young and their habits were neither very sedate nor studious. I was thinking the other day of that class in Bowdoin which included Longfellow, Hawthorne, Abbott, Cheever, Pierce, Appleton and reflecting what character a few leading spirits can give to a class, and how helpful they can be to each other.

There was ALBEE, alphabetically at the head of the class and in all intellectual and moral qualities deserving the position, as a long life of unblemished industry and honor has proved. He had large eyes, ruddy cheeks and auburn hair; though now the hair is silvered and thin. There was BLANCHARD, who has just died, who came from Glover—the town of the Run-Away-Pond, with accounts of which he used often to regale us—a man of great persistency in the face of difficulties, who struggled through poverty and deprivations till he completed his theological studies. Many is the johnnycake the writer has eaten prepared by his hands, for it was in his room that three of us used to board ourselves at 45 cents a week; going back into the woods sometimes to get beechnuts for dessert. CASE, who did not graduate at Middlebury, was the third of this trio of self-boarders. DANA; how shall I describe Dana? As erect as a soldier, with his little cane, and the bright bloom of his cheek, and who knew how to sing a funny song without showing the change of a feature. Imperturbably would he often rise in his place to unfold out of his own consciousness the thoughts of an author he had never studied. Then came FARNSWORTH, the faithful and able missionary of the American Board. One winter, the last of our course, we taught district schools in Middlebury village and were thrown much together; as again at Andover Theological Seminary. He is a man who has more than justified his right to an education, although he began late in life and labored under many disadvantages. FOLSOM, next. A kind of Henry Clay sort of man in his gifts of speech, enthusiastic, wonderfully fond of reading aloud what stirred him. How many a lesson in Latin and Greek we have read together in his room, which was privileged to certain smoking habits not practiced in my own room; and followed by me only in my boyhood. Then came MARANVILLE, at that time a wonderful admirer of Calhoun and State's rights and afterwards a teacher in the South, where the principles which the great South Carolinian taught cost the nation such sacrifices. Then came RANKIN, of whom the writer can say little, except that he was still a boy who made text books a kind of incident to college life and who had very little appreciation of the actual value of the years there given him. REMELEE, then, who read medicine and then settled on a farm near Middlebury and practiced agriculture; but whose regret has always been that he did not follow the profession, which he should. Still, a good farmer and the husband of a notable housewife, at whose wedding, in Ripton, the writer officiated as groomsman. RICH was the official class wit. Always ready for fun. Puns popping from his speech like corn in a popper. He was the only one of the class who served in the civil war, out of which he came a captain. He made a very notable remark to me when I congratulated him on having given up the use of stimulants, "I found a man becomes a drunkard before he knows it!" WRIGHT was the youngest member in the class and might always have led it; which he sometimes did. His precocity was something marvelous.

Among the men we lost was E. Warren Collier, who left after the first year. He graduated at Rutgers and became a Dutch Reformed minister; and Cephas Martindale, who read medicine and settled in the West; both dear boyhood friends, whom mother-

earth has long ago gathered to her bosom. Another was Wm. M. Briggs, even then a poet of no mean gifts and whose poems of late years have sometimes appeared in the *Independent*.

If the UNDERGRADUATE should wish, at another time, the writer will give some reminiscences of the president and professors and other residents of the good old town of Middlebury. J. E. R.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14, '92.

'58. Albert Ira Dutton

DIED at his home in South Framingham, Mass., Saturday, Feb. 13, aged 61 years. He graduated from Middlebury college, class of '58, and later from Andover Theological seminary. He then became pastor of the Congregational church at Shirley, Mass., which position he held till 1869. He was located at East Longmeadow 1869 to 1885 and at Royalton, Vermont, 1885 to 1887. Thence he removed to South Framingham, to take charge of a home for disabled clergymen, which position he held until his death. He was a faithful guardian, much beloved, and his death will be mourned by many.

'73. Wells H. Utley,

THE noted politician, expired suddenly at his home in Parsons, Kansas, Sunday, January, 24. The announcement of his death did not occasion a great deal of surprise, as it was generally believed that his end was near. Some two years ago alarming symptoms of heart trouble made themselves manifest and at times since he has been in a precarious condition. But he rallied time and again and his indomitable energy led him to undertake tasks fraught with excitement that should not have been attempted by one continually threatened with a collapse from heart failure, but other complications set in and for several days previous it was apparent to the household that death was near and in consequence was hourly expected. Death relieved his untold sufferings at two o'clock p. m.—without a strnggle his soul passed out serenely and so calmly that the devoted wife and fatherless children could scarcely realize that the spark of life had fled.

The deceased was born in Manchester, 1845. He was a scholar of the highest order, graduating from Middlebury College in the class of 1873. He early devoted himself to the ministery, becoming pastor of the Congregational church at Crown Point, New York, soon after graduation. There he remained for two years, and in 1876 removed to Pontiac, Michigan, preaching there and in Stanton until 1882, when duty called him to his late home, taking charge of the Congregational church and at the same time purchased a large farm, one of the most highly improved and valuable farms in southern Kansas. Later he resigned his pastorate and espoused the cause of the Union Labor party, and the political upheaval in Kansas during the past three years was in a great measure due to his efforts. He was in fact the founder of the party which swept the State two years ago. The deceased was gifted with great resources. He was a fluent talker and in point of ability he was one of the most distinguished citizens in the State. He had some political aspirations and had he been spared doubtless his ambition in that line would have been amply gratified. His funeral was held Wednesday. Relatives from various States were present to mourn the loss of their departed friend.

Town and Campus.

[*Items for this department from the town should be such as are of general interest to the alumni. A college monthly can't be a local newspaper, and items purely of local value as news are not wanted.*]

Will there be a Ram?

Hon. L. D. Eldredge is out again.

Cady, '93, preached in Weybridge, Sunday, Feb. 7.

Benedict, Noonan and Reiley, '91, spent the 24th at college.

The Hawthorne Club met at President Brainerd's on the 9th.

Mrs. Prof. Merriman recently visited her parents at Baltimore.

Sargent, '94, was out of college for a short time with eye trouble.

Miss Merriman was out of college a few days with "la grippe."

Main street is to be graded before the new blocks are erected.

Smith, '94, has left college and gone to his home in Minneapolis.

The Freshmen Latin-Scientifics got a bolt of Prof. Plehn, Feb. 4.

Wilson, '95, visited his parents at Port Henry on the 13th and 14th.

The Glee club rendered several selections at the tambourine drill.

Prof. Howard lectured in Cornwall, Jan. 27, on "The Ideal Man."

"Punch," the mascot of the base ball team, was buried on the 4th.

Sawyer, '94, furnished the music at the G. A. R. entertainment, Feb. 10.

The first Sophomore orations of the term were delivered Saturday, Jan. 23.

Prof. Janes has been elected president of the Y. P. S. C. E. for Addison county.

Hesselgrave, '93, attended the funeral of Mrs. Wilder, held at Ludlow, Feb. 5.

George Wright, '95, who has been sick for some time, has resumed his studies.

The Glee club gave their last and most successful concert at Vergennes, Feb. 12.

Miss Dorsey gave a whist party to a few of her friends on the evening of Jan. 27.

Mrs. Prof. C. B. Wright has gone to her home in Akron, Ohio, for an extended visit.

Donoway, '93, and Miner, '93, were confined for a few days on account of sickness.

Colby, '92, has been out of college for a few days on account of sickness of his father.

Dunton, '95, was called home by the sudden death of his sister, Mrs. Ross, quite recently.

Paul and Charles Ross attended the funeral of Mrs. C. B. Ross held at Rutland on the 4th.

Many of the students attended the Epworth League sociable at Mr. George Barton's, Feb. 10.

The quartette sang at the Y. P. S. C. E. convention held at the Congregational church, Feb. 6.

The D. K. E. fraternity gave a pleasant whist party in their parlors on the evening of the 10th.

The service on the day of prayer for colleges was held at the chapel Jan. 28, Dr. Webber officiating.

A party of five, of which Sargent and Hasseltine were two, took a moonlight ride to Bristol, Feb. 9.

The Freshmen covered the walls of the rhetorical room with comic valentines on the evening of Feb. 15.

The tamborine practice given at the town hall by the young ladies' of the Y. P. S. C. E. was a decided success.

The ball players and those who are applicants for positions on the team are doing steady and active training.

Thomas, '93, has left collge and entered Harvard in the class of '94. He also has a position to sing in a church.

Many of the high school boys avail themselves of the privilege given them by the students in using the gymnasium.

Miss Breckenridge, '95, was out of college for a few days at the beginning of the term because of sickness of her mother.

Many of the students have improved our recent fine weather and moonlight evenings by coasting down College hill.

Prof. Eaton gave an evening to the Greek electives Feb. 17. The topic discussed was "The Study of the Classics in Germany."

President Brainerd gave a talk on the work of Miss Emma Willard at the W. C. T. U. sociable at Dea. J. E. Crane's, Feb. 17.

Donoway and Sturtevant, '93, are to take part in a drama to be given by the young ladies of the village some time in the near future.

W. C. Sturtevant, '95, has left college on account of eye trouble, and will, if his health allows, enter Wooster Polytechnic Institute.

Douglas, Donoway and Seeley, '93, were in Burlington, Vergennes and Brandon respectively, Jan. 30, soliciting "ads." for the Kaleidoscope.

Prof. Plehn of Providence, R. I., Prof. Howard's successor, entered upon his duties as instructor in Political Science and Constitutional Law, Feb. 1.

The Freshmen put a wagon in the chapel on a recent night, but it was removed by Janitor Bolton in time for the morning exercises to proceed as usual.

Prof. Plehn has taken the rooms in Starr Hall recently occupied by Prof. Janes and Principal Bullock, who have taken rooms at J. E. Negus' on Pleasant street.

The co-eds of Battell Hall were out in a body one evening recently chopping the ice from the chapel steps, a thing which Janitor Bolton had neglected to do.

Miss Wilder '93 has been out of college several weeks because of the iilness and death of her mother. Her father was very sick at the time, but is now convalescent.

The M. E. church was burned to the ground Saturday evening, Jan. 30. The society is making preparations for rebuilding. Regular services are now held in the town hall.

C. L. Leonard, '95, and Seeley, '93, took part in the convention exercises of the Y. P. S. C. E., the former conducting the devotional exercises and the latter reading a paper on "District Meetings."

At a recent meeting of the students, held in the chapel, the prospect of forming a debating club was enthusiastically discussed, and a committee to further look up the matter, consisting of McNaboe, '92, Douglass and Donoway, '93, was appointed.

Rev. Granville Yager has been elected to membership in the American Academy of Political and Social Science. This institution includes in its list of members the names of prominent thinkers and writers on political economy and social topics in the United States and Canada and many in Europe; most of the presidents of leading colleges and many professors are among its members.

There are at present twenty-five men who go to the gymnasium to train for a place on the ball nine. Not for years has the competition been so great. The prospects are good for a first-class nine. Taylor, however, will have some difficulty in finding a catcher to hold him in good shape. The manager has already arranged for a series of games with some of the New York State colleges. We hope that the faithful training will be continued, that the best men will receive places in the nine and that the boys will be victorious in all their contests.

The occasion of Prof. Howard's departure was noted by the students by giving him a reception at the boarding hall. By 7 o'clock p. m., Feb. 1, the evening of his leaving Middlebury, over 200 of his friends were gathered there. Cake, coffee and sandwiches were served and the Glee club gave occasional songs. J. F. McNaboe, president of the Boarding Hall association, presided as master of all ceremonies. Pres. Brainerd spoke in behalf of the faculty, making mention of the frequency that the government has found occasion to call upon Vermont sons and Middlebury's men to assist in its work, and of the excellent service he has given to the college as a member of the faculty. Judge J. M. Slade spoke in behalf of the corporation of the progress of the college and of the aid they had received from the untiring efforts of the professor in every possible way. Jackson, the genial photographer, was received with bursts of applause as he regaled his hearers with several Welsh stories, told in his original and pleasing style. Professor Wright, in his remarks, gave an account of the somewhat copious correspondence that the college had had with Pres. Harrison regarding the appointment of Prof. Howard; said that at first the college decided they could not possibly spare him and wrote to the President to that effect, but after further correspondence his resignation was accepted. He also spoke of his personal loss in the professor's departure and spoke of his successor as an exponent of Plehn-living and high-thinking. In behalf of the students Pres. McNaboe presented to the professor a combination field, marine and opera glass. In reply the professor said that he had not appreciated until that night how hard it would be for him to leave his work and friends in Middlebury. He said the college was bound to prosper if it would only show to the world what it is and the inducements it can offer, and said that the prospects were never better for a freshman class than are ours for the class of '96. Prof. Plehn was called upon and made a few remarks. The speaking closed at about 10 o'clock and the 10:20 train took Professor Howard away from the good-byes and hand-shakes of his friends and students, many of whom had accompanied him to the depot, and started him on his way to carry out his commission at Cardiff, Wales.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL MIDWINTER BANQUET OF ALPHA MU OF CHI PSI

Was held Feb. 11. The first part of the evening was spent very pleasantly in Alpha Mu rooms. The alumni recalled many amusing incidents of their college days and the halls resounded with mirth and laughter. At 10:30 all adjourned to the Addison House to partake of the sumptuous repast, after which C. M. Wilds, '75, as toastmaster called upon the following persons to respond to these several toasts: J. F. McNobe, '92, "The Fraternity"; E. W. Benedict, '91, "Alpha Mu"; F. A. Walker, '82, "Philip Spencer"; W. M. Ross, '86, "The Absent Brothers"; Pres. Brainerd, '64, "The College"; H. R. Dorr, '80, "The Chi Psi Bonds"; C. B. Warner, '77, "The Ladies"; E. Dana, '76, "Purple and Gold."

SOPHOMORE CLASS BANQUET.

The Sophomore class banquet was held on the 5th at Mrs. S. S. Clark's on Weybridge street. It was tendered by the young ladies of the class. A most enjoyable time was had; and at 10 o'clock the march to the dining room was made. After partaking of the abundant supplies with which the table was bountifully laden, the following list was responded to, Mr. S. S. Eddy acting as master and Miss Bertha Ranslow delivering the address of "Welcome": "Our Class", A. A. Sargent; "The Freshies", W. P. Clark; "The Faculty," D. J. Hayes; "The Coeds", I. H. LaFleur; "Battell Hall", H. H. Seely; "Our Shakespeare Club," Miss Ritchie; "Poem", W. J. Murphy; "Our Past," O. J. Sawyer; "Our Future," C. B. Toleman. The list was sandwiched with college songs.

Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to the alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desires it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it.*]

'15. The Maryville *Times* of Jan. 13 contains an article on the intamacy and friendship of the late Hon. Silas Wright and Martin Van Buren.

'40. Hon. E. J. Phelps has been appointed by the President chief counsel for the United States before the Behring sea board of arbitration and has accepted.

'44. Ex-Governor Stewart and wife have gone to Boston, where they will remain some months.

'58. Rev. A. I. Dutton died at his home at South Framingham, Mass., Feb. 13.

'61. Rev. C. N. Thomas attended the Y. P. S. C. E. convention held at the Congregational church, Feb. 6.

'62. Gov L. E. Knapp of Alaska has sent a box of curiosities of that territory to the museum at Proctor.

'66. Hon. J. M. Slade has been chosen one of the delegates to the Republican convention at Burlington.

'66. At the meeting of the Union League club of Chicago, held Jan. 25, Hon. J. S. Grinnell was one of the members on political action.

'69. Rev. Rufus C. Flagg has been given the position of president of Ripon College, Wisconsin. We congratulate Mr. Flagg on his appointment to so high a position, although we regret his departure from Vermont.

'73. Wells H. Utley died at his home in Parsons, Kansas, Jan. 27. His obituary appears in another column.

'75. The annual report for 1891 of the East Gate hospital and dispensatory of the A. B. C. F. M. mission Shaown, China, was compiled by Henry T. Whitney.

'75. C. M. Wilds attended the supreme court at Rutland during its recent session.

'81. J. C. Harvey has lately published a volume of verse with the title, "Lines and Rhymes."

'84. Rev. E. P. Miller has been made rector of the Episcopal church at Catskill, N. Y.

'86. Miss M. Belle Chellis is professor in a college at Neligle, Nebraska.

'87. Mr. John Fletcher has been made receiving teller of the First national bank at West Superior, Wisconsin. He entered the bank but a few months since and his early promotion shows an appreciation of his services.

'87. Mrs. May (Bolton) Peck spent a few days at her father's, S. R. Bolton, recently.

'87. Dr. W. H. Sheldon has gone to New York on a visit to his brother, Prof. Sheldon.

'89. Prentiss C. Hoyt will continue his labors for the present in the Parsons High school at Parsons, Kansas. The following letter sent by the kindness of one of his friends tells of his success there:

PARSONS, KANSAS, Dec. 21, '91.

PROF. PRENTISS C. HOYT,

Dear Sir:—At the close of the term of school I desire to call your attention to the fact that the Board of Education has noted with much pleasure the successful management of your department and I take this way of assuring you the same is appreciated by us. That the same energy and zeal will characterize your work during the remaining months of the school year I earnestly hope and expect. I am, very respectfully,

A. H. TYLER,
Pres. of Board of Edncation.

'91. F. D. Boyington has been made agent for the southwest district of New York of the Glens Falls Summer school.

'91. C. A. Mead was at the reception tendered Prof. Howard.

'91. Ira E. Pinney is in the employ of the Rutland *Herald* office.

'74. EDITORS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE:

I regret exceedingly that pressure of work and lack of knowledge of the doings of our boys of '74, since graduation, will compel me to ask to be excused from preparing an article on that class; or upon any other subject, at the present time.

It affords me pleasure to commend the course pursued by the UNDERGRADUATE and to assure you that I will remember your request for an "article on any other subject," and may some time respond to your courteous invitation.

No man can recall the days of his college life without deep emotions. He never experiences such an existence elsewhere. The collegian is in a transition state, and it is not always easy to predict where he will ultimately land after his graduation, although those four years afford a fair index of his mental and moral qualities. When he hops down from his mother's knee, bids good bye to those familiar scenes endeared to him by so many tender associations; where hopes, aspirations and resolutions have mingled in the reviews of quiet hours; where stern duty has called him to the tasks set by the professors; where he has reveled among his favorite authors, entered upon researches in various departments of science and been fascinated by the fancies of the poet—when he leaves these enchanting scenes and begins to elbow his way through the world, he is pretty sure, "in the long run," to find the place for which he is fitted; like water, he will find his level.

For the young men who tread the paths once so familiar to me, I bear a brotherly feeling. Though most of them are strangers to me, we, in common with many generations of students, have been nourished at the breast of a common mother. However widely we may differ in most respects, we yet have much in common—unconsciously we have received impressions, deep and abiding, which mark us as belonging to the same household. We are, then, a fraternity, and our relation to each other is due wholly to that higher and holier relation which we sustain to our Alma Mater.

Count me, therefore, a loyal son of a royal mother. I love Old Midd. The memories of my college days come trooping to my mind across twenty years of busy toil, of perplexing care, of struggle and of triumph. Whatever I have been able to achieve, whatever influence for that which is noblest and best—all too little, I know—I have been permitted to exert, I trace largely to the impressions received during my days in college.

I often congratulate myself upon the fact that no other alumnus, during the past twenty-five years, so far as I know, has prepared and sent to our common hearthstone so many students as it has been my privilege to commit to the care of the dear old college, whose sturdy sons have compassed sea and land, and yet ever turn their eyes lovingly towards their kindest benefactor, the college on the hill.

A greeting I send to all the boys. In spirit I'm one of them. Sincerely and fraternally yours,

CURTIS CARLOS GOVE.

Y. M. C. A.

Special efforts have been made of late to increase the interest in Bible study. While extensive plans are entertained by the committee, two classes have been already formed. One is a *Personal Work* class taught by Hesselgrave, '93, in which individual and hard work is being done with the Bible alone as a textbook, and good results are beginning to show themselves. Active members are expected in this class to study out for themselves systematically that which is not only nurture to themselves, but of great and special importance in actual work.

The other class is taught by Prof. Eaton in the auditorium of the Congregational church every Sunday immediately after the morning service or a few minutes after 12 o'clock. Prof. Eaton very kindly consented to take up this class, which is primarily for students only, at the request of the Y. M. C. A. He discusses the history of the English versions of the Bible, especially the King James version of 1611, and traces them to great length and in all their connections with the original manuscripts.

The results of hours of study from a great many different sources are here presented condensed to the talk of a few minutes, and those who miss these talks, if not previously acquainted with this history, lose that which it might take years to collect for themselves, and which, as college men and students of the Bible, they are expected and ought to know. We feel that no one can afford to miss these carefully-prepared lectures on this "pure well of English, undefiled," the one great guide for faith and practice even if an atheist, much less if he would receive intelligently the richest Christian culture. "Let us appreciate a good thing

when we have it." The Y. M. C. A. most cordially invites all to avail themselves of these privileges.

THE GLEE CLUB.

With the departure of Mr. Thomas for Harvard the work of the Glee club for this year ends. We are sorry to lose the services of so valuable a man ; and, as we are unable to fill his place from our students, the work of the club must necessarily cease.

Were it not contrary to our principles as well as that of the college, we might follow the example of some other colleges and hire our talent from outside the college. But we fail to see where the honor or service to the college comes in with a number of singers who never even graduated from a high school. It is only a part of the same system which is in vogue in these same colleges to hire their athletes and ball players.

The trips taken by the club this year were very pleasant, indeed. In every place we were greeted with houses filled with appreciative audiences. We advertised that we had the best quartette in Vermont, and our claim was never disputed. From a financial standpoint the club was also successful, although we considered the financial part of minor importance.

The manager of the U. V. M. club has a letter in the last issue of the *Cynic* in which he makes reference to a little unpleasantness between the two clubs. Although we were disposed to bury the hatchet, in view of his letter, I beg to make a few corrections in his statements and give the story from our standpoint. It was not, as he inferred, the collision of dates which caused any feeling on the part of our boys. That the concerts came so near each other and that the town was so thoroughly aroused over the matter was instrumental, I believe, in giving both clubs good houses. All went well until Monday morning, when the manager of the U. V. M. club sent down and had distributed a lot of handbills which our boys, and even people who sympathized with their club, considered insulting. The writer of the above-mentioned letter is also mistaken, I beg to inform him, in regard to the action of our students when the U. V. M. club gave their concert in Middlebury. There was no boycott, nor did the students urge any of their *particular* friends to remain away, and I would in return now ask their manager to be better informed as to the *facts* before making such statements as his letter contained.

I hope, however, there will be no ill-feeling on either side, as the whole affair was not of enough importance to cause it.

We hope next year to have as good or a better club than we had this year. As none of the present members are to graduate, their experience this year will be of much service to them.

A. MACDONALD.

College Notes.

The faculty of Buchtel College sends home the church records of their students.

The Senate at Cambridge University decided to retain Greek by a vote of 525 to 185.

The students of Bowdoin received a course of lectures on the evils of cigarette smoking.

Williams is going to have a teachers' bureau of its own to accommodate any graduate of the college.

A member of the Junior class at Columbia has translated into Hebrew the Declaration of Independence and published it in book form.

The University of Pennsylvania has just begun the construction of two buildings to cost $140,000. They are designed for the use of classes in mechanical and electrical engineering.

Professor—"When Crito asked Socrates, just before his execution, how they should bury him, in what mood did Socrates answer?" Student--"In the subjunctive mood."—*Ex.*

Two hundred and nineteen courses are offered in the liberal arts and sciences at Harvard. President Eliot has calculated that it would take 44 years to complete the whole number.

President Harper says that the faculty of the Chicago University will be American, as there are to be only about six in one hundred of the teachers from abroad, and they will be English scholars.

Harvard and Princeton have arranged for two baseball games this spring. The first game will be played at Princeton on May 7, and the second at Cambridge on May 30. In case of a tie a third game will probably be arranged.

It is stated that Mrs. Leland Stanford has purchased 150 handsomely bound Bibles to be placed in the students' rooms at the Stanford University. The same authority states that there were a thousand

more applicants at that place than could be accommodated.—*Ex.*

At a recent meeting of the Brown faculty resolutions were passed to the effect that attendance at recitations should for the remainder of the year be voluntary for Seniors, also that marks should no longer be given for daily recitations. Each student's standing will be determined by special written exercises and by examinations.—*Ex.*

This proverb from the Arabic, though rather out of place in a column of Polywogs, seems so apropos that we have concluded to print it: "He who knows not. and knows not he knows not, is a fool; shun him. He who knows not and knows he knows not, is simple; teach him. He who knows and knows not he knows, is asleep; wake him. He who knows and knows he knows, is wise; follow him."—*Ex.*

The largest university in the world is said to be the great Moslem University of Cairo, founded in 975, with its 10.000 pupils and 370 professors. They have no benches, but study, eat and sleep on a blanket or mat. The Koran is the only book used for grammar, law, philosophy and theology, and the students study it, learn it and repeat it continually.

At Yale in '92 there are thirty-five men serving as editors on the different college papers. Of these, one received a philosophical oration; three, high orations; two, orations; two, dissertations: five, first disputes; one, a second dispute; one, a first colloquy; five, second colloquies; fifteen, no appointments. Fifty-seven per cent. of the editors have thus received appointments, while of the members of the various athletic teams, 68 per cent. received them.

The American Protective Tariff League offers to the undergraduate students of Senior classes of colleges and universities in the United States a series of prizes for approved essays on "Has the New Tariff Law Proved Beneficial?" Competing essays not to exceed eight thousand words, signed by some other than the writer's name, to be sent to the office of The League, No. 23 West Twenty third Street, New York city, on or before May 1, 1892. Awards will be made July 1, 1892, as follows: For the best essay, $150; for the second best, $100; for the third best, $50. For further particulars address Henry M. Hoyt, general secretary, 23 West Twenty-third Street, New York.

A short but interesting sketch is given in the *Young Men's Era* concerning Peter Cooper, who founded the Cooper Institute in New York City. When a boy his health was very poor. He went to school but one year in his life, and during that year he could go only every other day. But when he was eight years old he was earning his living by pulling hair from the skins of the rabbits his father shot, to make hat pulp. He went to New York when he was seventeen. He walked the streets for days before he got a place, and then he apprenticed himself to a carriage maker for five years for his board and two dollars a month. He had neither time nor money for what people call pleasures. But he had the pleasure of hope. While he was working for fifty cents a week, he said to himself: "If I ever get rich, I will build a place where the poor boys and girls of New York may have an education free," and he did it.—*Ex.*

The *Brown Daily Herald* in speaking of the Harvard-Yale debate, says: "Sanders' theater in Memorial Hall, Cambridge, was crowded and many were obliged to stand. The audience was composed of Harvard students, citizens of Cambridge and Boston, besides delegates from the societies at Wellesley and from other New England colleges. The programme was opened by R. R. Upton of Yale, who spoke on the affirmative of the question under debate. He spoke of the Democratic party as the party of progress and modern ideas, and was followed by Mr. Castigan of Harvard on the negative, with the silver question, Mr. Thomas on the tariff reform, Mr. Surbridge on the tariff, Mr. Aiken on other inducements, and Mr. Stone on pension legislation, Southern elections and civil reform. The speeches were clear and forcible, and that they were appreciated by the audience was attested by the frequent and prolonged applause. Great enthusiasm prevailed over the result of the first meeting and it is the topic of conversation among the students. On the Yale side, Mr. Upton says that he is in favor of an inter-collegiate contest, the winner in which shall meet the winner in the Western inter-collegiate contest. This means a new era in inter-collegiate competition, intellectual rivalry in addition to that of brawn and muscle, and the prominence of the bema as well as that of the campus.

Literary Scholar—Did you know that Bryant, the poet, hasn't combed his hair for three years? Scientific Scholar [with meagre knowledge of the poet, but not to be caught]—No? Bald, I suppose. Literary Scholar—No, dead.—[*Adelphian.*

Our Farrago.

"Oh, why so sad," she sweetly said;
"Oh, why so sad today?
You are so glum about your work,
So heartless in your play."

"I have a weight upon my mind,"
I overheard him say;
"'Tis well," said she; "'twill keep the wind
From blowing it away."

"Now this is strange; a while ago you told me that Miss F. sat on your hat and crushed it, and now you say it was on your knee." "Well, you see we were practicing economy—getting along with as few chairs as possible." "But how about the light if she couldn't see your hat?" "Economy there, too."—*Ex.*

NEITHER CAN WE.

I'm blessed with many thoughts so rare,
That genius in them shines,
And yet, although I'm favored there,
My heart sometimes repines.

For, though the most of them are fine,
It upsets all my plans—
I can't tell which ideas are mine
And which some other man's.

—[*Polytechnic.*

Senior—"Please give me a match to light the gas." Junior Middle (scornfully)—"You should say, Extend to me those igno prodigitis that I may defalcate the excresence of the nocturnal illuminary."—[*Ex.*

Prof.—Now, to return to Martin Luther. Did he die a natural death?" Scholar—"No, sir; he was excommunicated by a Bull!"—[*Ex.*

Prof. [of Natural Philosophy]—"If you were walking at a velocity of five miles an hour, what had you better do than increase that velocity?" Voice from the rear—"Ride!"—[*Ex.*

OUR CO-ED.

Our co-ed is a wondrous thing,
She can sweetly chat or sing,
With finest arts a part she'll play,
Or else with hands, will make a way.

'Twas but just the other eve,
With no special right or leave,
She, with force of fair adepts,
Did boldly raid our chapel steps.

They hacked and chopped with main and might;
The boys came out to view the sight;
A sight so strange and yet so fair,
They cheered with joy, to see it there.

These workers fair, these maidens coy,
Worked on, unmoved by cheer or boy;
They did their work without delay,
Then turned their backs, and went away.

Why more, dear *Sylvie*, should'st thou toil?
Reform's advance no one can foil;
For she, henceforth, may ever call
Upon the girls of Battell Hall.

Oh, our co-ed is a wondrous thing,
She can sweetly chat or sing,
With finest arts a part she'll play
Or else with hands she'll make a way.

EVEN AN EXCHANGE EDITOR SOMETIMES JESTS.

"Since you think yourself so smart," said the exchange editor, glancing backward over his shoulder, "Perhaps you can tell why the letter 't' is like Lord Byron?" "I don't believe it is," retorted the financial editor belligerently. "The letter 't' is like Lord Byron," said the exchange editor, raising his voice, "because it gives to immorality, immortality." And the other man, with a demented look, raised the window and stuck out his head to get a breath of fresh air.—[*Boston Globe.*

A miss is as good as a mile:
A kiss twice as good as a smile.
Not to miss any kiss,
But to kiss every miss,
Will turn miles
Into smiles,
And smiles into kisses
From misses.
For the maiden who'll smile
Is a miss worth the while
Of your walking a mile.
But the damsel you kiss
Is worth two of the miss
Who's only as good as a mile.

—[*Trinity Tablet.*

ANOTHER IDOL BROKEN.

Ever faithful old dog Tray,
Steadfast, brave and true,
Is but a myth. Could he be Tray
And yet be faithful, too? —[*Brunonian.*

Exchanges.

It seems, as we look over the list of exchanges and note the different exchange columns, that the editors are disposed to notice only what is worthy of mention, and reserve all harsh criticism for politic reasons While we believe it to be just to award merit where merit is due, we occasionally like to see the editor of exchanges break away from a mode of "puffing" and criticise in a just and friendly manner the college journals at his hand.

The *Sequoia* comes out as a *Congress Edition*, setting forth the practices and history of that society at Leland Stanford. The idea is a good one and sets forth the aims and objects of the organization very well.

The poetical effusions of *Vassar Miscellany* are very good in the February number, but the selections have a certain sameness, due perhaps to the Valentine spirit that animated the fair muse.

The *Adelphian* sports a very tasty Christmas dress. We like to see it. It is evidence that the paper is alive.

The *College Transcript* contains a very good article on Spencer.

The *Rutland High School Notes* falls far below the level of the school papers of Vermont. Puns, grinds and stale jokes mixed with the typographical correction of exchanges form no enduring monument to editorial fame.

Reviews.

Professor George Herbert Palmer, who has "Doubts about University Extension," embodies them in a paper under this title in the March *Atlantic*. He says: Rather with benefit than with damage a college teacher may, on occasion, recast the instruction that was intended for professionals and offer it to a popular audience. In this way a professor makes himself known, and makes his college known. Many of the small colleges are now engaging in university extension as an inexpensive means of advertising themselves. But such lecturing is incidental, voluntary and perpetually liable to interruption. Beyond the immediate series of lectures it cannot be depended on. There is nothing institutional about it. The men who undertake it are owned elsewhere, and a second mortgage is not usually a very valuable piece of property. A movement which places its reliance on the casual teaching of overworked men is condemned from the start. University extension can never pass beyond the stage of amateurism and temporary expedient until, like its English namesake, it has a permanent staff of instructors exclusively devoted to its service.

Where, then, is such a staff to be obtained? In view of the conditions of education in this country, already described, it is improbable that it can be obtained at all. But something may still be done,—something, however, of a more modest sort than enthusiasts at present have in mind. There issue from our great universities every year a number of men who have had two or three years' training beyond their bachelor's degree. Some of them have had a year or two of foreign study. They frequently wish to teach Places do not immediately open to them. If the extension movement would set them to work, it might have all their time, at a moderate salary, for two or three years. Such men, it is trne, would be inexperienced, and their connection with itinerant teaching could not be rendered lasting. As soon as one of them proved his power as a teacher, some college would call him; and he would seldom prefer the nomadic and fragmentary life to an established one. Plainly, too, under the charge of such men, the grade of instruction could not be the highest; but it might be sound, inspiriting even, and it is in any case all that present circumstances render possible. We may mourn that those who are masters in their several provinces are already fully employed. We may wish there were a multitude of masters sitting about, ready for enlistment in a missionary undertaking. But there are no such masters. The facts are evident enough; and if the extension movement aims at a durable existence, it will respect these facts. The men it wants it cannot have without damaging them; and, damaging them, it damages the higher education of which they are the guardians Teachers of a lower grade are at hand, ready to be experimented with. The few experiments already tried have been fairly successful. Let the extension leaders give up all thought of doing here what has been done in England. The principal part of that work is performed for us by other means. The wisest guidance, accordingly, may not lead the movement to any long success. If, however, university extension can keep itself clearly de-

tached from other educational agencies and make a quiet offer of humble yet serviceable instruction, there is a fair prospect that, by somewhat slow degrees, a permanent new power may be added to the appliances for rendering busy Americans intelligent.

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